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In re Patent Application of)
Tadashi OHKUMA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1713
Application No.: 09/960,308) Examiner: B. Lipman
Filed: September 24, 2001)
For: ACRYLIC ESTER COMPOUND)
AND USAGE THEREOF)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Official Action dated October 3, 2003, applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I which currently includes claims 1 and 2. This election is made with traverse with respect to the subject matter of Groups I, II and III. In this respect, it will be noted that all of the claims in Group II (which should further include claims 11-13 submitted in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the present application on September 24, 2001) and Group III (which should further include claims 14-18 submitted in the same Preliminary Amendment) depend directly or indirectly from either claim 1 or claim 2 (which depends from claim 1). Therefore, if claim 1 is found allowable, then each of the claims in Groups II and III should likewise be found allowable. Furthermore, it is noted that the claims in Group III are all method claims which are within the scope of the rejoinder provisions of MPEP §821.04 and should the requirement be maintained, applicants reserve the right to request

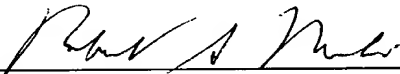
rejoinder at the appropriate time. For the foregoing reasons, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement as it applies to Groups I, II and III.

Favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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